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RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION ON THE MERITS

United States Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicant encloses a check in the amount of \$200 for two additional independent claims for a small entity.